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Sen. Tom Casperson
705 Farnum Building
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Re: Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore

Dear Senator Casperson:

This is to express my continued support for the proposed conversion of the entire Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore to concurrent jurisdiction, which among other things would enable federal prosecutors to handle serious crimes committed within the park's boundaries.

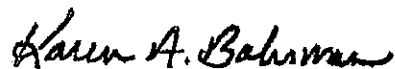
The lack of such jurisdiction caused the responsibility for a 2006 murder investigation and prosecution to be borne solely by Alger County. The pre-trial litigation was extensive and involved, by my estimate, over 100 motions as well as 4 interlocutory appeals. The trial, which took place in a changed venue due in part to saturation media coverage, lasted eight weeks. Over 130 witnesses were called, many of whom had to be brought from distant locations.

In other words, this was a case that would have tasked a very large prosecutor's office and drained the resources of a very large county; however I am a solo prosecutor with two secretaries and Alger County, population 9,286, is one of Michigan's smallest and poorest counties.

Thus, to the extent that the proposed jurisdictional change will shift this type of

responsibility to the federal government, passage is imperative and opposition is indefensible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen A. Bahrman".

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